

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007, Applicants respectfully elect the Group V claims (that is, claims 10, 17, 31 and 44), which the Examiner characterizes as being drawn to a composition comprising a polycyanate ester, a biphenol epoxy resin, a monovalent phenol and a polyphenylene ether. This election is made without traverse.

With respect to the restriction requirement involving Groups I-XII, it is noted that the Examiner has not classified claim 49 into one of the listed groups. However, upon review of the listed groups, and noting claims 46 and 47 on the one hand, and claim 48 on the other, it is respectfully suggested that claim 49 should be included with claim 47. In any event, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner clarify the restriction requirement with respect to claim 49, in response to this Amendment.

The requirement for an election of species, set forth in Item 3 on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007, is noted. In response thereto, Applicants respectfully elect for specie (A), a polycyanate ester of Formula (I), namely, the bisphenol A dicyanate ester in Example 1 on page 43, lines 35 and 36 of Applicants' specification. With respect to a specie (B) of biphenyl epoxy resin, Applicants respectfully elect Formula (III), namely, the 3, 3', 5, 5'-tetramethylbiphenol diglycidyl ether shown in Example 1 on page 44, lines 1-3 of Applicants' specification. For the monovalent phenol for specie (C), Applicants respectfully elect the monovalent phenol of Formula (V), namely, p-(alpha-cumyl) phenol, employed in Example 4 on page 45 of Applicants' specification. With respect to presence of absence of the antioxidant (see specie (E)), and noting newly added claims discussed infra, Applicants respectfully elect the presence of the antioxidant, and, further, respectfully elect 4, 4'-butylidenebis (3-methyl-6-tert-butylphenol) as the particular species designated, this particular species being used in Examples 19 and

20 on pages 76 and 77 of Applicants' specification. Moreover, with respect to the required election under specie (G), Applicants respectfully elect the subject matter of claim 10.

Thus, and in view of the foregoing, Applicants have made appropriate elections in species (A), (B), (C), (E) and (G), of the sub-items listed under Item 3 on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007. It is respectfully submitted that these are the only species elections required, in view of election of the Group V claims.

It is noted that the Examiner indicated that claims 1-49 are generic claims. Thus, in view thereof, it is respectfully submitted that of the previously considered claims, all of claims 10, 17, 31 and 44, of the elected Group V claims, read on the elected species.

By the present amendments, Applicants are amending claims 10, 17, 31 and 44 to put these claims in independent form; and have amended claims 15, 16 and 23 in light of comments by the Examiner in Items 8 and 9 on page 8 of the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007. As to amendment of claims 16, note the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15, and the last full paragraph on page 17, of Applicants' specification. Clearly, these amendments to previously considered claims do not add new matter to the application.

In addition, by the present amendments Applicants are adding new claims 50-84 to the application. Claims 50-84 have been added in light of election of Group V claims, and election of the various species as set forth in the foregoing. It is respectfully submitted that claims 50-84 expressly recite subject matter corresponding to subject matter set forth in claims previously in the application, but are dependent ultimately on one of claims 10, 17, 31 and 44.

Thus, claims 50-59 are ultimately dependent on claim 10; claims 60-69 are ultimately dependent on claim 17; claims 70-79 are ultimately dependent on claim 31; and claims 80-84 are ultimately dependent on claim 44.

As stated previously, the newly added claims expressly recite subject matter corresponding to subject matter recited in previously considered claims. In connection with claims 50-59, note claims 9, 11-14 and 45-49, respectively. In connection with newly added claims 60-69, note, e.g., claims 16, 18-21 and 45-49, respectively. In connection with new added claims 70-79, note, for example, claims 30, 32, 33, 35, 36 and 45-49, respectively. In connection with newly added claims 80-84, note, for example, claims 45-49. As presently added claims correspond to previously considered claims, and especially to original claims, clearly these newly added claims do not add new matter to the application. Note also pages 11-43 of Applicants' specification.

Of the newly added claims, and noting the statement by the Examiner in the last line on page 5 of the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007, that claims 1-49 are generic, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently in the application are generic. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that of the newly added claims, at least claims 50-52, 54, 55, 60-62, 64, 65, 70-72, 74 and 75, in addition to claims 10, 17, 31, and 44, are directed to the elected Group V claims

Examination of the claims directed to Group V, and reading on the elected species (that is, all of the Group V claims), in due course, is respectfully requested.

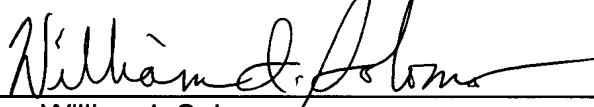
The comment by the Examiner in Item 2 on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007, is noted. JP 2001-240723 discloses a phenol-modified cyanate. In addition, biphenyl type epoxy resin is listed. However, a polyphenylene ether is not disclosed in any of the prior art shown by the Examiner. Moreover, the present invention has a technical feature in that a cyanate ester and polyphenylene

ether, which are principally not good in compatibility, show good compatibility by mixing with biphenyl epoxy together (not biphenyl aralkyl).

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 511.44961X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

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